



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thomas O. Matthews, Principal

Together we know, together we grow!



School Vision: *To provide every child with a sound academic foundation, a positive environment, and the skills necessary to continue learning as a life-long pursuit.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! It is with the greatest pleasure, excitement and humility that I serve as the principal of this wonderful learning community. Together we **ALL** made last year truly wonderful and successful. My philosophy of educational leadership is to lead through service and kindness. My purpose is to serve each and every one of us in this learning community and to continually improve and nurture a climate and culture of excellence. It is my fervent belief that a great school completely supports, enhances and complements the learning that begins at home.

2017 testing data places Washington Elementary in the top 7% of all schools in the state! Our tradition of excellence exists because all stakeholders here *believe* we are excellent. This tradition can only improve and flourish when we **ALL** contribute. Your contribution can be as simple as reading to your children each and every night for a minimum of 15 minutes. You can help your children study and do homework nightly. You can contact your child's teacher each and every time you have a concern. When we are **ALL** kind, and hard working, we will **ALL** be very successful, especially our children!

Whatever happens during these transformative and critical years will have a lasting impression on your child's growth and development. My goal as an administrator is to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment that is safe and respectable, so that your child will receive the best possible education. I believe in keeping a close connection between home and school through maintaining open lines of communication.

A culture of excellence can only exist, evolve and thrive when **ALL** stakeholders are completely vested. In fact, our district motto is All Hands on Deck. Let us **ALL** be dedicated, kind, compassionate and hard working. I am honored and grateful to have this opportunity to serve and work with all of you. Together, let us make a new resolution to be more involved and passionate with everything that takes place here in these hallowed halls where all of our children grow.

I know I speak for the entire faculty and staff when I say that we are excited to work with you and your children so we can mold them to be the best that they can be. Be kind and work hard! I can be reached at (908) 851-6460. My email address is tomatthews@twpunionschools.org. Go Wildcats! Thank you!

Respectfully yours,

Principal